NO DETAILS ON WHICH TO BASE PLANS FOR FURTHER ACTION.

Question as to Whether Hostilities Shall Con-Inue Most Important Desire of the Goverament for Peace-Vall of Chinese Capital Confirmed-Conger May Return at Once.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 .- Additional official advices in line with the good news that came last night from Admiral Remey and Consul Fowler about the capture of Pekin and the release of the foreigners from the perilous situation in which they had been for two months were received by the Government this morning, but there have been no details of the fight at the capital and the condition of the legationers. Admiral Remey said in his despatch that details would "follow shortly," but although the new telegraphic cable line between Taku and Chefoo is supposed to be in operation, nothing beyond the meagre information contained in the Remey and Fowler despatches has been received.

Brig.-Gen. Thomas Barry, who stopped at Taku to make observations before proceeding to Manila to become Chief of Staff of Maj.-Gen. LacArthur and Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai, sent a despatch, received this morning, confirming the news of the capture of the se capital, but did not furish any details. Gen. Barry's despatch follows:

"TARU, Aug. 17. 'Indiana, transport, arrived on the 16th. All are well. Will go to the front. Pekin taken BARRY 15th. Legation safe.

The statement that Gen. Barry "will go to the front" may apply to the battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry, which arrived with him at Taku on the transport Indiana on Thursday, but it more probably means that Gen. Barry only is going to Pekin. A foreign force will in all likelihood be sent to Pao-ting-fu and other places in northern China where the Boxers have committed outrages, but all such arrangements will be decided by the allied commanders.

Acting Secretary of State Adee had a consultation with the President just before noon. As a result of the conference Mr. Adee set about preparing certain data and a communication which the President desired as quickly as pos-

The report that the Empress Dowthe Emperor and the members the Imperial Government, with the bulk of the Imperial army, have gone to Hsianfu. is credited here, although no confirmatory information has been received. Hstan-fu, or Sian, is the capital of Shensi Province, the suffix "fu" being the designation for the seat of the Provincial Government It is between 800 and 400 miles by road southwest of Pekin and is remote from railways.

Officers say that it is too early to talk about the designation of a representative to conduct diplomatic negotiations at Pekin for the United States. Minister Conger is probably so much broken by the terrible strain to which he has been subjected that he will hardly desire to remain at Pekin. He will be told that he may return to the United States on indefinite leave of absence, and that his wishes will be followed in every way.

W. W. Rockhill, the Special Commissioner

of the United States to China, has not arrived on Chinese soil, but in the event of Minister Conger's incapacity or his desire to recuperate from the effects of the long ordeal at Pekin, Mr. Rockhill will be instructed to represent this Government at the Chinese capital or wherever the diplomatic negotiations are conducted. Mr. Rockhill was sent to China to look after American interests while Mr. Conger was cut off from communication with his Government, with the understanding that he would take the American Minister's place if Mr. Conger were killed or incapacitated for the work.

Until full details have been received of the attitude displayed by the Chinese Government toward the relief column, the United States will not change any present plans. Even with such details, it is hardly likely that there will be a new policy. The Government will want reports from Minister Conger and from Gen. Chaffee, showing to just what degree the Chinese Government was responsible for the attacks on the legations and the opposition to the allied proes, before determining its full course.

The all-important question is now, whether there is a war on between China and the Powers. Opinion here is to the contrary. Some of the more optimistic officials are inclined to believe ture of Pekin has ended the trouble in China and that everything will now be adjusted through diplomacy.

So far as this Government is aware, nonof the Powers wants war. Certainly the United States do not, and if there is no opposition by the Chinese authorities to the reestablishment of order, the American Administration will endeavor to secure an adjustment of the difficulties in which China has become involved without resorting to hostilities

That this Government is opposed to the partition of China was made clear in the Secretary of State's declaration of July 3. All the other Powers have concurred in the principles expressed by Mr. Hay but they can find plenty of excuses for a radical policy if they do not desire to live up to the spirit of the American

The situation is now a delicate one from an international point of view. The ChineseGovernment has vacated Pekin apparently, removing to a place which only a powerful and wellequipped army could reach. With the Imperial authorities out of easy communication with the rest of the world, there must be necessarily some delay before China's policy will become known, granting that the Government willing to define its attitude. It is believed here that the Chinese do not want war with the Powers, and that another appeal for peace will be forthcoming shortly.

For the present the allies will remain in Pekin. It is not expected here that the foreigners rescued will start for Tientsin immediately. Preparations of an elaborate nature for their ransportation must be made, and it is probable that the sick and wounded will not be ready to travel for some time.

The foreign Governments will now turn their attention to the restoration of order in North China. Reenforcements are arriving at Taku, and as the army at Pekin is apparently large enough for all purposes at the capital it will probably not be augmented to any great

OUR POLICY AT SHANGHAL

Consul-General Goodnow's Relations With Li Hnng Chang Anthorized.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The Government has no word that the disembarkation of British troops at Shanghai has begun. It regards the situation there as serious, but changed somewhat for the better on account of the capture of Pekin. The State Department officers decline to talk about the Shanghai situation, except to say that this Government will not interpose any objection to the landing of the British troops. The gunboat Castine will be joined at Shanghai in a few days by the cruiser New Orleans, and these two vessels, it is believed, will be ample to protect American interests if an anti-foreign outbreak occurs.

The authorities here do not know the purpose of the British in landing an armed force. | at Hankow, China, about whose safety fears While it was supposed at first that the only obect was to protect British interests in Shanghai, later advices have indicated that the troops will be scattered throughout the entire Yangtse region. The Government does not know whether this last report is true Whether the assumption by Great Britain of control of the Yang-tee Valley will cause the United make any representations to the London Foreign Office has, it is believed, not

been determined. No attention will be paid by this Government to the charges that John Goodnow, the United States Consul-General at Shanghai, has been hostile to the interests of the Powers. These charges are based on Mr. Goodnow's intinacy with Li Hung Chang and other Chinese fficers. Secretary Hay has assumed entire esponsibility for Mr. Goodnow's course. It as by direction of Mr. Hay that Mr. Goodnow

called on Li Hung Chang and established cordial relations with him

When Li reached Shanghai the feeling egainst him among foreigners there was strong, and some of the consuls of the Powers declined to have any relations with him. Mr. Goodnow reported these things to the State Department and Secretary Hay instructed him to call on Li and ascertain his views on the Chinese situation and keep in close touch with him. To ignore the most influential man in China at the then critical period of the Chinese troubles would have been foolish, officials maintain. It is believed here that if Mr. Goodnow had not maintained friendly relations with Li, the attitude of the Chinese Government might have been different. Whatever Mr. Goodnow has done has been with the advice and con-

MAIL FROM THE MISSIONARIES. Woman Refugee Shoots Herself-Dr. Hallock's

currence of the State Department.

Reasons for Refusing to Quit His Station. The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has at last given up all hope that its missionaries at Pao-ting-fu were safe. The news that they had been massacred, cabled two weeks ago by Consul John Fowler at Chefoo, was confirmed yesterday by a cablegram from the Rev. W. O. Elterich, who had been instructed to spare no expense in procuring definite information concerning the reported massacre. The despatch contained no details of the massacre, but the board believes that among the

hope that they were safe at Pekin a cablegram was forwarded yesterday to Shanghai, asking the Presbyterian representatives there to ascertain at once whether Dr. and Mrs. Hodge were at the expital. The board has every reason to believe that Dr. Maud Macker, who was also connected with the Pao-ting-iu mission, was in Pekin at the time of the reported mas-

Other missionaries stationed at Pao-ting-fu

sacre.

Other missionaries stationed at Pao-ting-fu and who are believed to have been killed were the Rev. Horace T. Pitkin of Philadelphia, Miss Mary E. Morrill of Deering, Me., and Miss Anna A. Gould of Portland, Me. all of the American Board of Foreign Missions. The China Inland Mission of England also had a few missionaries at Pao-ting-fu.

Letters received in this city yesterday from missionaries mention the escape of a party of Scotch Presbyterians from Manchuria and refer to disturbances in central China.

The Rev. Du Bols S. Morris, who was stationed at Nankin, wrote from Arima, Japan, July 16, where he had taken refuge, that Japan was crowded with Chinese missionary refugees and that more were coming every week. Thirty-three Scotch Presbyterian missionaries from Manchuria came to this place last week," he wrote; they barely escaped with their lives. Three chapels, a hospital and houses were burned to the ground. A very sad thing happened shortly after their arrival. Mrs. Westwater, one of their number, shot herself. Her mind gave way under the terrible strain to which she had been subjected for three weeks." The Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, a Presbyterian missionary in Central China, has the distinction of being one of the few American missionaries who refused to leave their stations when ordered, but remained to face the danger with the native Christians. He wrote from Hang-chow, under from the rebel King Tuan, commanding him to exterminate the foreigners, and he was taking steps to obey when an order came from the Viceroy commanding him not to obey the rebel king."

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On a return trip from an outlying station to Hang-chow, Mr. Hallock wrote that the orderly Chinese were greatly disturbed by the rumors of mob violence and were burying their valuables. At one place where he had always been kindly treated the natives shouted, "Catch the foreigner and kill him." He reported that foreign houses in several small villages had been plundered and perhaps burned, and that small bands were roaming about threatening to kill all christians.

"Although all of the Preebyterian mission," Mr. Hallock wrote, "and many of the China Inland Missionary Society, the Baptist and the Scotch Presbyterian Missions, had left Hang-chow, I decided to remain." He gave as reasons for not leaving the following: "First, that the native Christians being alone will be very anxious; second, when the unbelievers see us all leave it would leave a bad impression; and third, that the rogulsh natives, seeing the foreigners all gone, would begin at once to plunder, as was the case at Tso-kyi, where a Mr. Barton left one day and his home was plundered the next."

TROOPS TO SAIL FOR CHINA. More Than 1.500 Will Leave San Francisco

To-morrow on the Sherman. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18 .- The troops now on the way to China will not tarry long in this city. About 1,500 men will arrive here tomorrow and will sail on the Sherman, which is scheduled to leave on Monday at noon. Contrary to usual custom, the Sherman will not carry any freight for Manila. She will proceed to Nagasaki, where further orders

proceed to Nagasaki, where further orders will await her arrival. Instead of landing the troops at Nagasaki, as has been the custom it is evidently the intention of the Department to land them at Taku.

Companies E. F. G. and H of the Second Infantry, and Companies I. K. L. and M of the Eighth Infantry, due here to-morrow, will sail on the Sherman. Companies I. K. L. and M of the Fifth Infantry, now in camp at the Presidio, are also booked for passage on this vossel. The 1.600 men in these three battallons with seventy-five recruits, fifty Signal Corps men and a number of civilian employees will test the capacity of the big transport.

SHAM BATTLE AT FORT SCHUYLER First Battalion of the Nava! Militia Winds Up Its Summer Outing.

The First Battalion of the New York Naval Militia wound up its annual summer outing yesterday with a sham battle at Fort Schuyler. The Reserves, numbering 150, were pitted against fifty of the Regulars of Battery K of the Fifth United States Artillery, and when the battle was over the referee decided that the Regulars had far the best of it.

Early in the week Lieutenant-Commander Franklin of the First Battalion sent to the Naval College in Newport for a problem of the sham battle and received one which called for an attack on Fort Schuyler by landing parties from a fleet which surrounded the fort. The men and the defence of 500 men. Carrying out the ratio, Lieutenant-Commander Franklin out the ratio. Lieutenant-Commander Franklin made up his attacking party of 150 men, and Lieut. Hamilton of Battery K of the Fifth Artillery, with a force of fifty, was to defend the fort. Cel. Knight, the Commandant of Willets Point, acted as referee and decided on points. The attacking party of Reserves made its laading under cover of a sharp fire of the rapid-fire guns from a number of steam launches. After advancing behind a stone wall on the Havemeyer estate they encountered the Regulars, who opened on them with a heavy artillery fire and sharp fusillade of small arms. After three hours skirmishing, in which the Reserves met with frequent surprises from the Regulars. Col Knight gave the decision to the defenders of Fort Schuyler.

Consul Wilcox Safe at Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.-In a telegram received at the State Department this morning. Levi S. Wilcox of Illinois, United States Consul were entertained, reported his safe arrival at Shanghai. Mr. Wilcox says that all the Americans are out of the Hankow district. He has transferred the business of the Hankow consulate to Shanghai, in obscience to instructions from the Secretary of State.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Jacob Goldstein, a pedler residing at 3: Montgom-ery street, has filed a pedulon in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$2,340 and no assets. Emanuel Weil, a salesman of 118 East Ninety-third street, committed suicide last night at his home by drinking carbolic acid. He had been ill for several weeks.

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About \$1,500,000 was paid by the New York Sub-Treasury yesterday in redemption of the old 2 per cent. United States bonds. The payments were reflected in a debt balance of \$1,008.85.5 for the Sub-Treasury at the New York Clearing House.

Judgment for \$48,638 was entered yesterday against Julian S. Carr in favor of W. D. Judkins for commissions for negotiating the sale of the stock of the Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company on Dec. 13, 1898, on the report of Referee Ernest Hall.

sacre, but the board believes that among the number killed were the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Simcox and Dr. G. Yardley Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Simcox were both natives of Pennsylvania, he being born in Bullion and she in London. Relatives of both live in these two towns. Dr. Taylor, who had charge of the Presbyterian dispensary connected with the mission, was born at Taylorsville, Bucks county, Pa., and has a brother living at Burlington, N. J.

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, one of the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board said that it was uncertain whether Dr. and Mrs. Cortland Van Rensselaer Hodge of Philadelphia were in Pao-ting-fu and had suffered the same fate or were with the foreigners rescued at Pekin. In hope that they were safe at Pekin a cablegram.

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rad at Riverdale avenue near Spuyten Duyvil at 6 o'clock last night when a train swept around the curve and knocked horse, wagon and driver into a nearby creek. The wagon was smashed to finders. The driver was drowned. The horse was instantly killed. Rottersmin's body was recovered at midnight send taken home.

CAPT. A. L. HOWARD CAUGHT. Man of an Extended Military Service Made a Prisoner by the Boers.

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 18 .- News was received in this city to-night of the capture by the Boers this city to-night of the capture by the Boers of Capt. A. L. Howard, a former New Havener. Capt. Howard, who is now nearly 60 years of ag, was born in this city. He served in the Civil War and later in the Regular army. Afterward he went to Canada and fought with the Canada is in the Reil Rebellion. When the Boer war came he went to the front with Canadians as a Captain of infantry.

GRAU TO GIVE UP COVENT GARDEN. ays in an Interview That Season Would Be Too Long for the Opera Company.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON. Aug. 18 .- In an interview to-day Maurice Grau said he would probably relinquish his lease of Covent Garden as owing to attacking force was to be made up of of 1.500 | the numerous engagments for the coming seasou the company would be overworked.

> Former Democrats of Weight Out for McKinley.

VANDALIA, Ill., Aug. 18.-William Bourner, aged 83, a wealthy land owner of Seminary town hip, in this county and a lifelong Demotown hip, in this county and a lifelong Demo-erat, has renounced Bryan and has come out for McKinley and expansion. Mr. Bourner says he cannot swallow the Kansas (ity platform. Cartryle, ill. Aug. 18—Mr. G. Van Hoerbeke, United States Dist let Attornev under Presi-dent Cle eland, and one of the most influential men in southern linnois, has announced his in-tention of voting for McKinley for President. Mr. Van floorbeke voted for Bryan in 1896, but says he cannot follow him in the Philippine's affair.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 18.-A negro named Peter Westley was lynched by other pegroes near Tchula, in Holmes county, yesterday, he was arrested by a white constable charged with assault on a negro girl and was being conveyed to the county seat from Bowling Green when a crowd of negroes overpowered the constable, took Westley from him and hanged him to a neighboring tree.

Jersey City Cooperage Barned. Michael O'Day's cooperage at Sussex and

Van Vorst streets, Jersey City, took fire last night shortly after 11 o'clock and was completely destroyed. The building was 75 feet long, 50 feet wide and two stories high. The cause of the fire is not known.

Smallpox Case at the Soldlers' Home in

Dayton. DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 18 .- Edward Cheatham, a colored veteran of the National Military Homestead, was taken ill with smallpox to-day. As there are 6,000 inmates of the Home great precaution is being taken that there will be no provided the disease. spread of the disease.

"The Boxers are spreading rapidly southward again. The only hope for the missionaries down that way is to retreat overland to Shanghai. Two hundred Americans are expected to-day. All the missionaries in Pekin are gathered in our compound there and protected by from ten to fifteen marines. The British are not protecting theirs, so the American are protecting both British and American missionaries. I have learned how to handle a shotgun, rifle, pistol and revolver, so I can help. "Tuesday, June 12.—The allied troops that went up on Sunday got out of supplies, at least the Americans and English did, and had to send back for more. When these men left the fort they had reached Loh Fah, thirty-one miles from here. Last night I did't get to bed until after 12 o'clock. There was a good deal of racket up toward the city. I called Mr. Martin out once, under the pretence of seeing how blue glasses worked at night, to hear the noise and get what he thought of it. This was about o c'clock. A little afterward the gatekeeper came and spoke to papa in a whisper. Mamma caught the word 'jang' (to yell) and thought the assault had begun.

"We all rushed dut into the yard and surreenough there was Jangling. The pans, gongs, bell; men, does, drungs, do., join-d together, made a very espectable noise. We could hear something that sounded like a great drun coming nearry steadily. Now and then the wind wafted the confusion of sounds down upon us, bringing increased volume with it; and we were able to distinguish the beating of goings, the ringing of belis and even the shrill yelling of the boys, who formed more than 50 per cent. of the boys, who formed more than 50 per cent.

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Hudson River State Hospital.

MATTEAWAN, N. Y., Aug. 18.-Harry N. Hancock, aged 22, escaped to-day at Poughkeepsie as he was being taken to the Hudson River State Hospital. Hancock is said to be the victim of a strong drug. Up to a short time ago he was a medical student in St. Louis, but recently he returned here to the home of his parcently he returned here to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus J. Hancock. A commission adjudged young Hancock insane and he reached Poughkeepsie on the 140 train, guarded by an attendant. They alighted at Tolan's roadhouse, about half a mile south of the asylum. When Hancock came out of the hotel he flourished a revolver, aimed it at the attendant and discharged five shots, but none of them took effect. The attendant beat a hasty retreat, as he had no revolver to defend himself. Hancock escaped into a thick wood and is still at large.

THROWN FROM A CAR AND KILLED. Permit to Open a Grave in the Pocket of a Woman Unidentified in the Morgue.

A young woman was killed by falling from an Am terdam avenue car at Sixty-eighth street and the Boulevard just before midnight last night. She was standing up ready to get off the car, which was going north, when it stopped car, which was going north, when it stopped suddenly, throwing her to the pavement. Her skull was ir-ctured and she died before the arrival of an ambulance.

The woman was about 28 years old. She was dressed in mourning. In her pocketbook the police found a permit to open a grave at Calvary temetery, marked 'Grave 22, plot AA, Section 19, Range 2." The body was taken to the Morgue.

SON'S A COP AND PATHER OBJECTS. Slashes His Wrist With a Razor Because He Thinks the Family's Disgraced.

Policeman Lues found an old man slashing at his wrist with a razor in Bryan: Park at 1 o'clock this morning. He took the old man to the station, where the sergeant asked him why he had attempted suicide.

"Because my son has disgraced me," repited the old man. "I gave him a good education and now he has disgraced the family by joining the police force. He is detailed at the West Thirty-seventh strict station."

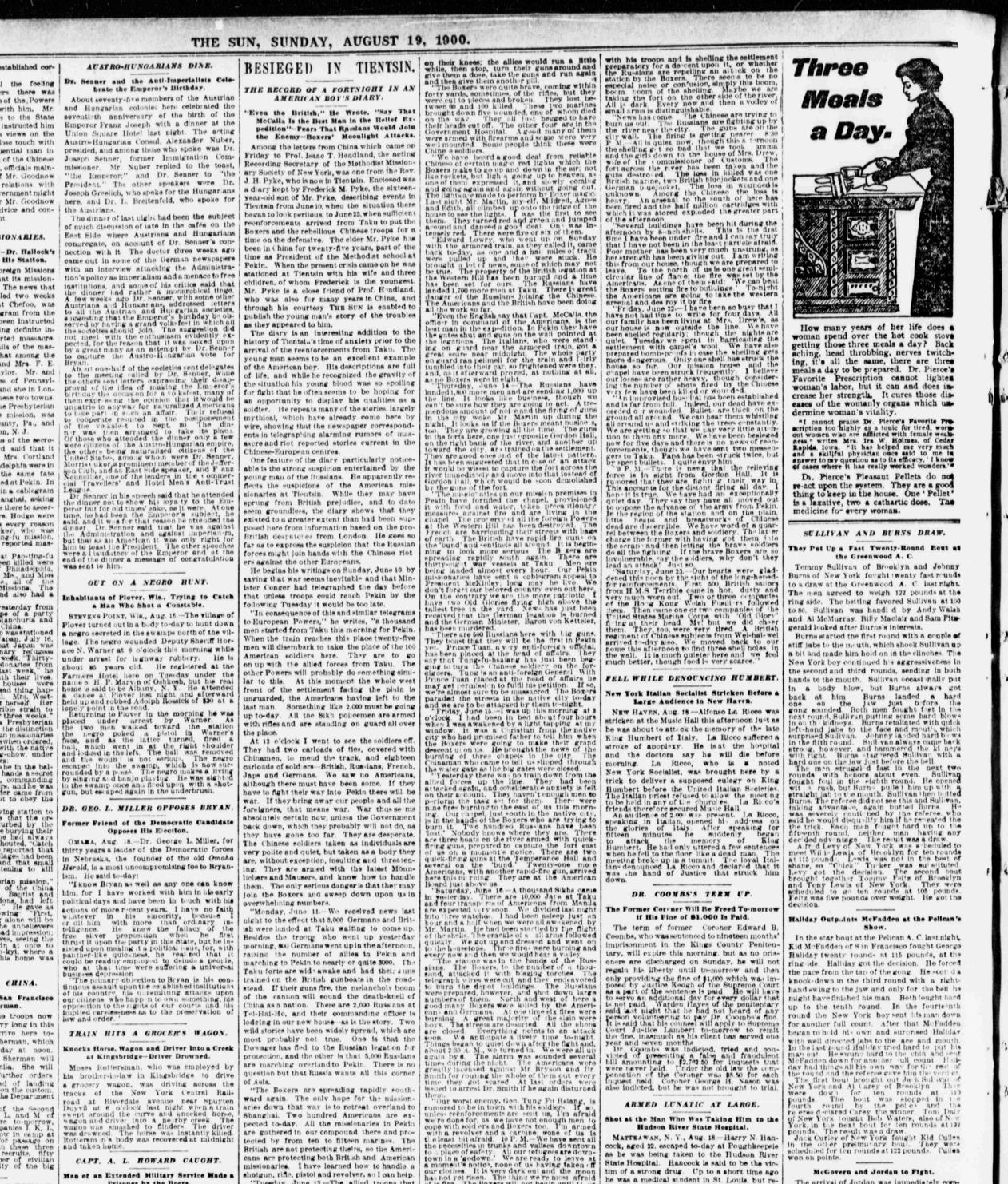
The prisoner said he was Henry C. Shattenkirk of Paterson, N. J.

Fell From His Boat and Was Drowned.

BOSTON, Aug. 18. Royce Hall, 21 years old, of Lawndale Terrace, Jamaica Plain, was drowned while canoeing on the Charles River near Norumbega Park this afternoon. Hall was out with two young women and it is thought he was seized with a fit, lost his balance and fell overboard. As he weighed 200 pounds and was unable to help himself, he sank immediately. The two young women were badly frightened, but were not upset into the water. They were assisted to the shore and sent to were assisted to the shore and sent to

Prof. John Craig to Go to Cornell.

AMES, Is., Aug. 18. - Prof. John Craig, head of the department of horticulture in the Iowa State Agricultural College, has resigned to Lo-cept a similar place in Cornell University.



began to hold his own and surprised Haliday with well directed jabs to the face and mouth. In the last round Haliday tried hard to put his man out. He swung hard to the chin and sent McFadden down for another full count. Haliday had things all his own way for the rest of the round and the referee cave him the verd of.

The first bout brought out Jack Sullivan of New York and Al Carey of Brooklyn. They were down for ten rounds at 110 pounds. The bout was stopped in the fourth round by the police and the refored redered Carey the winner. Tom Daily of New York fought Bob Waters, also of New York in the next bout for ten rounds at 122 pounds. The result was a draw.

Jack Curley of New York fought Kid Cullen in the other preliminary bout. They were scheduled for ten rounds at 122 pounds. Cullen won on points.

won on points. McGovern and Jordan to Fight.

The arrival of Jordan was immediately communicated to the matchmaker of the Twentieth Century A. C. Sam Harris, McGovern's tleth Century A. C. Sam Harris, McGovern's manager, was also netified. The pair had a talk with Martin Dowling at a late hour last night and the matchmaker of the Twentieth Century club said he would offer a purse to the pugllists. Harris told Dowling that Terry would fight the Englishman and promised to meet Dowling to-night and arrange details for a battle. The affair will likely be decided at the Garden on Aug. 27. Jordan wants the mill to be for twenty-five rounds.

'Paddy's Market' Stopped for Fear of a Riot. The police of the West Thirty-seventh street station would not allow the hucksters, whose trucks line the sidewalks in Ninth avenue from Thirty-eighth to Forty-fifth street on Saturday nights, to hold "Paddy's Market" as usual last night. It was feared that if the negroes in the neighborhood came out to buy foodstuffs for Sunday and mixed with the crowd, there night be another riot. The grocyries and butcher shops in the neighborhood did an unprecedented business in consequence

Three Children Drowned.

OSCEOLA, Mo., Aug. 18 .- Three small children, aged 4, 9 and 11 years, of James Danes, residing east of Osceola, were drowned yesterday in Weaubleau Creek. Mrs. Danes was on the bank washing and the children asked permission to go into the water. They were directed down to the ford where the stream was very shallow, but got into a hole and all were drowned. The frantic mother rushed in also and came near drowning.

Uncle Jimmie's One Regret.

From the Cynthiana Democrat. Uncle Jimmle Herrington of this county is 102 years old. He has been using long green tobacco for ninety years and drives his six cust of coffee a day. He claims that if he had not been addicted to tobacco and coffee he might now be 110 or 115 years old.



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